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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 103 474 86.2 filed on September 30, 2003. This German Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention the stator is provided which has a multi-strand stator winding, wherein each of the m phase windings is comprised of a group, which has a first coil with coil sides contained in grooves that are spaced apart from one another by 180° electrically and the first coil has a particular number of turns (z_w), a second coil with coil sides contained in grooves that are spaced apart from one another by 180° electrically and the second coil has a particular number of turns (z_w); the second coil is offset from the first coil in a first

direction by 180° /m electrically, and in accordance with the predetermined number of pole pairs, a corresponding number of groups that are offset from one another by 360° electrically are arranged one after another in the stator.

When the stator is designed in accordance with the present invention, it has the advantage that a noise reduction is achieved through an intervention in the stator winding. Furthermore, achieving this noise reduction does not require any change to the claw poles or any change to their shape, which reduces production and storage costs.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS